

Expectations of a Sponsor or Godparent

- ◆ A Godparent or Sponsor is a representative of the wider Catholic Church; they should be a role model, a helper, an alternate person from whom your child can seek advice and a reminder to parents of their obligation to bring the child up in the Faith.
- ◆ There may be only one Godfather and one Godmother.
- ◆ The Godparent must be sixteen (16) years of age or older.
- ◆ Parents of the child may not be a Godparent.
- ◆ Only one **Catholic** Godparent is required.
- ◆ **The Catholic Godparent must have received all the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).**
- ◆ **The Godparent must be practicing their faith as a Catholic.**
- ◆ A non-Catholic may not be a Godparent, however, if only one Catholic is available it is permissible to have a non-Catholic Christian serve as a Christian witness.
- ◆ **The Christian witness must be sixteen (16) years of age or older.**
- ◆ **The Christian witness must have received a Trinitarian Baptism and any other sacraments of initiation in their Church.**
- ◆ **The Christian witness must be practicing their faith in their Church.**

Please call Kate (753-2550) at the Parish Office to schedule the baptism once the date and Godparents have been determined.

